NOTICE TO ALL STATE-OWNED COMPANIES (SOC)

Filing of Annual Financial Statements

The purpose of this notice is to inform State-Owned Companies that prepare annual financial statements in accordance with Generally Recognized Accounting Practice (GRAP), that it is mandatory for them to submit audited Annual Financial Statements to CIPC.

The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission mandated filing of Annual Financial Statements (AFS) via Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) with effect from 01 July 2018, which currently only caters for companies that use IFRS and IFRS for SMEs as their reporting standard. Consequently, SOC’s that prepare AFS using GRAP are unable to submit via XBRL. In the interim, SOC’s are required to file a copy of the latest approved audited AFS by emailing it to xbrl@cipc.co.za on the day they file annual returns in terms of Section 33 (1) (a).

Failure by State-Owned Companies to file AFS when filing Annual Returns is a contravention of Section 33 of the Companies Act 71, of 2008 as amended; read with Regulation 30 (2) of the Companies Regulations, 2011. Compliance and Enforcement measures will be taken against those that fail to comply with the above-mentioned provisions.

State-Owned Companies are further advised that any contravention of the Companies Act 71, of 2008, may lead to a possible investigation and the subsequent issuance of a Compliance Notice as prescribed in Section 169 and Section 171 of the Companies Act, 71 of 2008 as amended.

Yours sincerely

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